

PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Group Art Unit: 2624

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Examiner: Yubin HUNG

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, AND
STORAGE MEDIUM

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the telephone interview
conducted on September 4, 2008:

REMARKS

An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTO-413) was mailed on September 11,
2008.

During the interview, the following was discussed:

1. Brief description of exhibits or demonstration: None.
2. Identification of claims discussed: Claims 1 and 10.
3. Identification of art discussed: Matsui et al., U.S. Publication No. 2003/0128273
4. Identification of principal proposed amendments: None.

5. Brief Identification of principal arguments: Matsui discloses that any differences reduced are geometric differences, not a difference other than the geometric difference. Further, Matsui claim 10 fails to disclose the dividing of the pair of images into sectional regions.

6. Indication of other pertinent matters discussed: None.

7. Results of Interview: No agreement was reached. The Examiner maintained that Matsui reduces a difference other than a geometric difference. However, the Examiner indicated that while the Examiner cannot guarantee patentability since the subject matter of operations 110-124 has not been fully examined and searched, the subject matter of operations 110-124 of FIG. 4 of the instant application is not found in any of the references cited in the instant Office Action.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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